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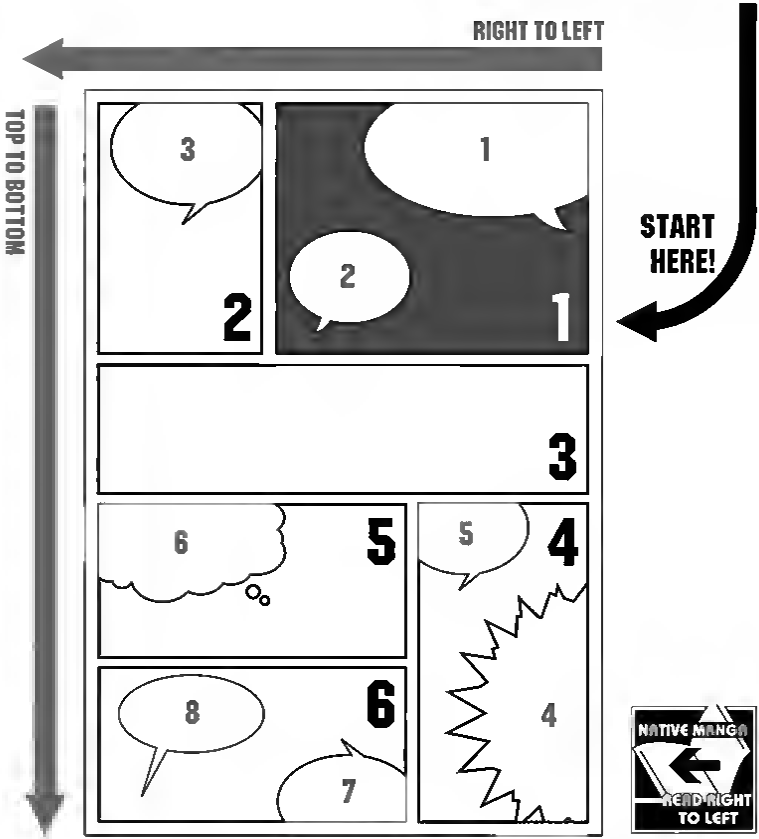

THE CHARACTERS...
Rai:
AN UNFORTUNATE YOUNG MAN WHO GREW UP IN AN ORPHANAGE, HAVING NEVER KNOWN HIS PARENTS. RAI IS A KIND SOUL WHO HARBORS A GREAT DESIRE TO BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEND A YOUNG GIRL NAMED MIO. RAI HAS ACQUIRED THE POWER OF A SHIELD OF DEFENSE.
Ren:
IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT HIS COUSIN MIO, REN ACQUIRED THE POWER OF A SWORD OF OFFENSE. AS A CONSEQUENCE HE LOST MIO AND HE AND RAI WERE MISTAKEN FOR MURDERERS. REN LOST HIS MOTHER TO THE DIABOLO BECAUSE OF THIS.
SHE'S NOT HUMAN !!
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STOP IT! I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER!
THIS IS WHAT THEY ARE!
WHAT THEY ANYTHING THOUGHT REMAINS OF MITA'S COMPLETE RESURRECTION
OF THEIR RAPED AND MURDERED DAUGHTER
I JUST ASKED:
I NEED TO OFFER THIS
YOU SHOULD GO TO HELL, TOO.

Nema

THE MYSTERIOUS AND BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL WHO REPEATEDLY APPEARS BEFORE REN AND RAI. SHE IS THOUGHT TO BE THE DIABOLO WHO GUIDED REN AND RAI TO THE RITUAL, BUT THERE ARE OTHER THEORIES.

Mio

REN'S COUSIN WHO WAS FREED FROM THE VIOLENCE OF HER PARENTS. SHE DISAPPEARED BECAUSE OF REN AND RAI'S RITUAL JUST BEFORE SHE WAS TO ENTER AN ORPHANAGE.

Hiromi

A YOUNG LADY WHO HAD FALLEN TO THE DEVIL'S SNARE WHILE SEEKING BEAUTY. SHE NOW HELPS GATHER INFORMATION FOR REN AND RAI AFTER THEY SAVED HER

The Story Thus Far..

THEY SAY THAT THOSE WHO FALL PREY TO THE "DEVIL'S SNARE" ARE GRANTED THE POWER OF THE DIABOLO AT AGE 17. THEY LOSE THEIR SOULS AS THE POWER PEAKS, AND AT 18 (THE TOTAL OF THE NUMBERS 6-6-6) THEY GO INSANE.

10 YEARS AGO, TWO YOUNG BOYS, REN AND RAI, TOOK PART IN A STRANGE RITUAL IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE REN'S BELOVED COUSIN, MIO. AS A RESULT, MIO WAS LOST, AND THE BOY'S WERE CAUGHT IN THE DEVIL'S SNARE. NOW, ALTHOUGH THEY STILL RETAIN THEIR OWN SOULS, REN AND RAI ALSO POSSESS POWERFUL OCCULT ABILITIES. USING THESE POWERS, THE TWO CURSED BOYS CONTINUE THEIR QUEST TO FIND AND SAVE MIO, ALL THE WHILE AIDING THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN INTO THE EVIL CLUTCHES OF THE DIABOLO, EVEN IF THIS MEANS KILLING THEM. IN ADDITION, REN AND RAI HAVE PLEDGED TO KILL EACH OTHER ON THEIR 18TH BIRTHDAY.

A YOUNG GIRL NAMED HIROMI, WHO HAVING BEEN RESCUED BY REN AND RAI, HAS NOW VOWED TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR WAR AGAINST DIABOLO. BUT MIO IS STILL MISSING, AND THE DIABOLO'S INFLUENCE IS QUICKLY SPREADING AMONG THE WORLD'S YOUTH AS THE MASTER DIABOLO IS MAKING KNOWN THE PRESENCE OF SIX GREAT SPIRITS.

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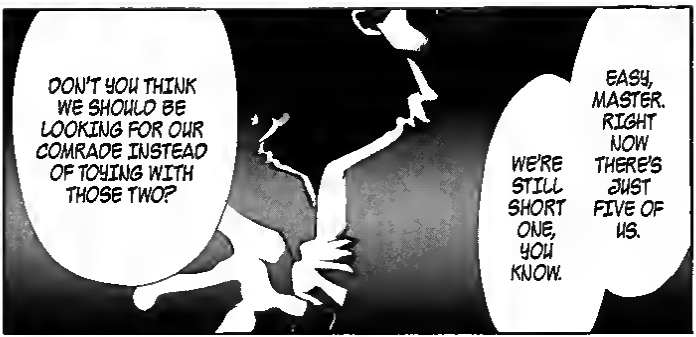
LOVELY NIGHT, ISN'T IT?
OH, MY SIX GREAT SPIRITS-- WHAT IS IT THAT YOU NEED?


EASY, MASTER. RIGHT NOW THERE'S JUST FIVE OF US.
WE'RE STILL SHORT ONE, YOU KNOW.
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR OUR COMRADE INSTEAD OF TOYING WITH THOSE TWO?

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST KILL THEM WE'RE WASTING TIME.
THEY'RE A HANDFUL, IT'S TRUE...
...BUT I WANT TO GIVE THEM MORE TIME.
BESIDES, THEY'RE KIND OF CUTE.
.....
IF YOU SAY SO...
...NEMA-SAMA.

THEN IT WOULD BE WISE FOR YOU TO ENJOY THIS FLEETING SILENCE...
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...UNTIL I HAND YOU YOUR ORDERS FOR OUR MILLENNIUM THAT IS TO COME.
NOTHING MORE TO ADD?

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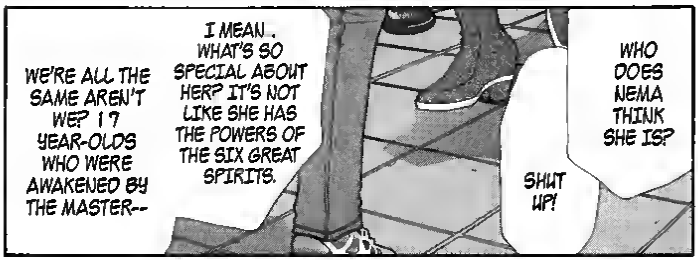
WE'RE ALL THE SAME AREN'T WE? 17 YEAR-OLDS WHO WERE AWAKENED BY THE MASTER--
I MEAN... WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT HER? IT'S NOT LIKE SHE HAS THE POWERS OF THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS.
SHUT UP!
WHO DOES NEMA THINK SHE IS?

NO. LADY NEMA IS DIFFERENT FROM US.
SHE MAY LOOK SEVENTEEN, BUT I WONDER...
RUMOR IS SHE SACRIFICED HER OWN DAUGHTER FOR YOUTH AND POWER.
THAT'S... JUST LIKE THE MASTER, ISN'T IT?
YES, SHE'S...
...THE WOMAN WHO WAS THE MASTER'S WIFE.

WHO IS IT, REN? DID YOU GET NEW INFORMATION FROM HIROMI?
UH, NO...
HMM? AN E-MAIL?
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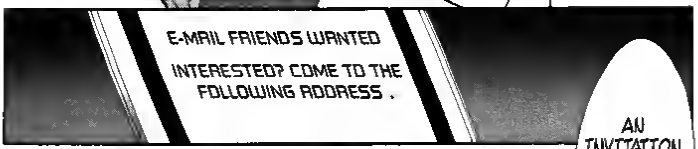
E-MAIL FRIENDS WANTED
INTERESTED? COME TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

AN INVITATION FROM A MEETING SITE, EH?
BUT HOW DID THEY KNOW ABOUT THIS ADDRESS?
THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT WE ARE

INVITING SOMEONE THEY'VE NEVER MET.
PERHAPS...
THEY'RE NOT WHAT THEY SEEM EITHER..
WHAT'S WITH THIS NEW RING TONE?
IT'S AN ORIGINAL THAT I WROTE.
IT'S FOR WHEN SOMETHING'S SENT FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER.
BE MY FRIEND. PLEASE. HEAR MY VOICE.
SAVE ME.

.....
HAND IT OVER.
WAIT! I CAN'T SEEM TO ANSWER THIS.
WHICH BUTTON? SO MANY.
WE'LL GO SAVE YOU. WHERE ARE YOU?
AND YOU'RE JUST AWKWARD.
YOU'RE AMAZING, RAI!

WE'VE GOT A REPLY
SEEMS THEY'VE ACCEPTED OUR OFFER
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO? IT COULD BE A PRANK.
TRUE...IT COULD BE A PERVERTED OLD MAN...A TRANSVESTITE WHO KNOWS?
BUT WHAT IF THEY REALLY DO NEED TO BE SAVED...?
SO... WHERE ARE THEY? IF YOU ASK ME...
...WE WERE TRICKED
LEND ME THE PHONE I'LL TRY CALLING THAT NUMBER.
GOOD IDEA.

D'YOU HEAR THAT?! THEY'RE CLOSE!
YEAH, I HEARD IT!
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YOU SCARED ME! YOU MADE IT RING WHEN I WAS TRYING TO USE MY CALLER ID!
A KID?!
GUESS IT WAS A PRANK, HUH?

SO...
じろ じろ
HMM...
OH DEAR! WHAT WERE YOU HOPING FOR, YOU PERVERT?
LOOK, WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY KIDS' GAMES...
DON'T REN! SHE'S JUST A KID!
むぎゅ
YOU'VE PASSED! I'LL MAKE BOTH OF YOU MY BOYFRIEND!
BUT IT'S GETTING LATE. IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, WE'D LIKE TO SEE YOU HOME.
OH DEAR... ♡
OF COURSE WE CAME BECAUSE WE WANTED TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH YOU.
I'M SORRY, LITTLE GIRL.

YOU'RE QUITE A GENTLEMAN!
うっとり
YOU'RE GOOD AT DEALING WITH LIFE'S CURVEBALLS, AREN'T YOU?
WELL, I'VE SUFFERED A LOT, SO.
AND YOUR NAME IS?
MIO.
IT'S MIO HASHIGUCHI
NICE TO MEET YOU.
WHAT A COINCIDENCE THAT'S THE NAME OF SOMEONE WE KNOW, TOO.
NOW, SHALL WE GO?
MIO?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! I TOLD YOU TO STAY HOME AND WATCH THE HOUSE, DIDN'T I?!
ANOTHER BOYFRIEND, EH?
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MIO-CHAN?
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY SISTER?!
NOTHING! WE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM HER AND--

E-MAIL? YOU'RE USING MY CELL WITHOUT MY PERMISSION AGAIN?!
I- I'M SORRY, I...!
YOU LITTLE --!

.....!
YOU SHOULD TREAT GIRLS WITH A BIT MORE RESPECT.
HEY... YOU.
WE'RE GOING, MIO!
UH!
ARE YOU SEVENTEEN, RIGHT NOW?

SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE.
HUMPH!
THE AGE WHERE THE ENSNARED BEND TO TEMPTATION, AND SLOWLY FALL FROM HUMAN TO DEVIL.
THE TIME WHEN THEY BREAK FROM HUMANITY...

HEY! HURRY UP AND SHOW ME THE MONEY!
HE--
HERE!
YEAH THAT'S RIGHT YOU SHOULD'VE HANDED IT OVER IN THE FIRST PLACE
PATHETIC, EH?
E-MAIL FRIENDS WHO'RE INTERESTED? COME TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS...
WHAT'S THIS?
I HAVEN'T GIVEN ANYONE MY NUMBER YET
WELL THEN, IT'S PROBABLY E-MAIL
HMM?

As if I'd find one through e-mail...
I don't even have any friends right now!!
PATHETIC, EH?
DUMBASS. HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING? IT'S PROBABLY SOME LONELY OTAKU, OR AN OLD LADY WHO WANTS TO HAVE AN AFFAIR.
A MEETING?
SOUNDS FUN! WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT?
HE'S TUTORING, ISN'T HE? LEAVE HIM ALONE IF WE BOTHER HIM, THE TEACHERS'LL GIVE US SERIOUS TROUBLE
OH, THAT NERD.
ISN'T THAT HASHIGUCHI FROM SCHOOL? AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT...
HMM?
YOU DON'T SAY.

YOU!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU NOT TO TAKE A WALK OUTSIDE WITHOUT PERMISSION?
AND DON'T USE MY CELL AGAIN!
IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD TO TELL MOM!
I'M HER FAVORITE! SHE LIKES ME MORE!
NOW DON'T BOTHER ME WHILE I'M STUDYING!
BAM!

...this is atonement for my sins.
As long as I study...
As long as my grades are good...
Stupid parents think everything's all right just because they gave me a cell phone.
HUMPH... I'VE NEVER USED MY CELL! NOT EVEN ONCE.
THAT GIRL... I WONDER IF SHE'S ALL RIGHT.
As long as I do this, I'll be forgiven...
...NO matter what I do.

Another owie?
The poor girl took abuse from her parents.
Are you all right, Mio?
OUR MIO IS KIND, EPHEMERAL
BUT SHE DOESN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE HER!
SHE'S ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS OUR MIO, TOO.
Thought you'd say that
A little girl who always smiled when she was about to cry
Mio's okay because the two of you are with her.
IS THAT GIRL SUFFERING THE SAME FATE?

YOU'RE SO SWEET AREN'T YOU? YOU STILL WORRYING ABOUT THAT MIO?
WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING YOUR OWN DESTINY

HEY, WAIT. DID YOU FEEL THAT?
YEAH. I SENSED AN EVIL BREATH, TOO.
Almost like the tongue of a poisonous snake looming over you.
RAI? ARE YOU OKAY?
Sometimes I'm uncertain.
Will I be able to defend you until the end?
Will I be able to remain human?
.....

If you were to fall to the devil first...
...would I really be able to kill you with these hands?
YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME?
YOU'RE AMAZING! I DIDN'T EVEN FEEL YOUR PRESENCE
I GOT OUT QUIETLY.
IT'D BE A BIG DEAL IF BIG BROTHER FOUND ME.
WHOA!
DON'T THEY CALL PEOPLE LIKE YOU STALKERS?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU, DID HE?
YOU WERE ACTING STRANGE, SO...
YOUR BROTHER..

THANK YOU... BUT IT'S MY BROTHER THAT I WANT YOU TO SAVE FROM THE DEVIL.
SO, YOU AREN'T HURT OR ANYTHING? YOU CAN TELL US.
.....
DON'T TOUCH ME, PERVERT!
HE WAS SO NICE BEFORE.
BUT HE'S CHANGED.
ALL HE DOES IS STUDY AND GET ANGRY... AND IT'S SCARY.
I CAN'T TELL ANYONE. EVEN MY MOM WON'T BELIEVE ME. PLUS, SHE'S BUSY WITH WORK...
...AND BESIDES, SHE REALLY TRUSTS BIG BROTHER
BUT...
WHY DON'T YOU TALK ABOUT IT WITH YOUR MOTHER...
...INSTEAD OF E-MAILING STRANGE PEOPLE?
Hey! I'm not strange!

...THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE HAS ANSWERED MY E-MAIL.
IM HAPPY THAT MY MESSAGE REACHED SOMEONE.
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP MY BROTHER. SEE YA. THANK YOU!
WELL, SHE'S CERTAINLY OPTIMISTIC.
YEAH...

MAYBE WE COULD LEARN A THING OR TWO FROM HER, HUH?

DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
IT'S ABOUT YOUR SISTER.
NOW WHAT IS IT?
WHY CAN'T YOU TWO MIND YOUR OWN DAMN BUSINESS?
WE'RE HER FRIENDS, YOU KNOW, AND..
..WE DISCUSSED A LOT OF THINGS WITH HER
MIO! WHAT KIND OF LIES DID SHE TELL YOU?
DAMMIT!
HEY! HOLD ON!

HEY! WHAT'S YER PROBLEM?!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO MESS WITH SCUM LIKE YOU!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST DROP DEAD?!
WHAT'S MR "HEAD OF THE CLASS" DOING IN SUCH A HURRY?
GET OUT OF MY WAY!

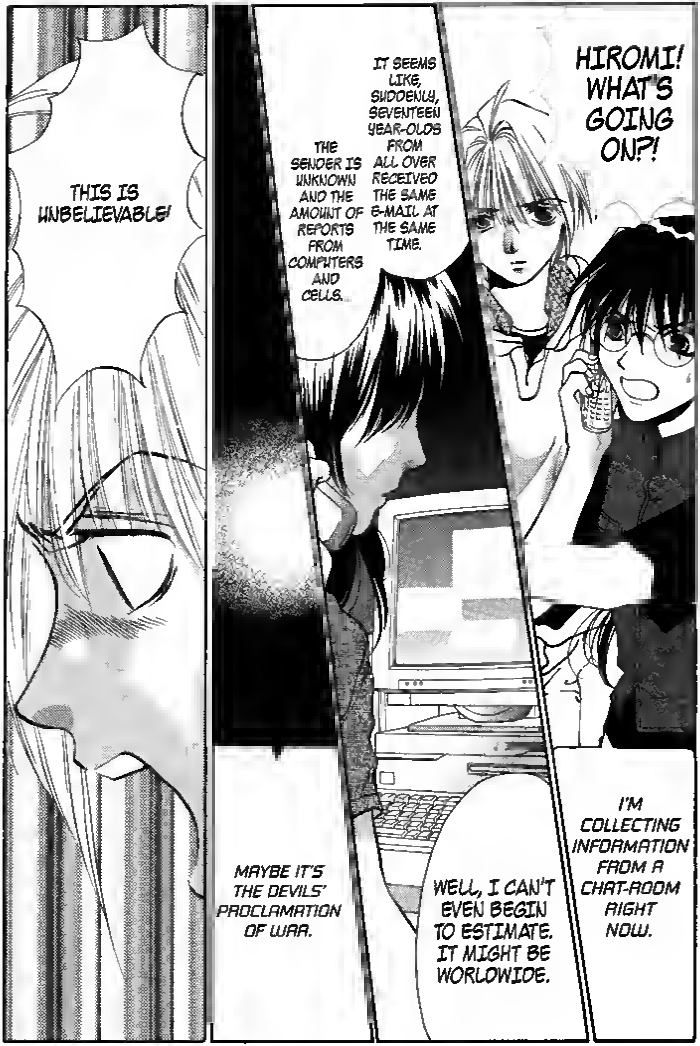
YOU THINK YOU'RE SOMETHING SPECIAL?!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
SO WHAT ABOUT GRADES?! WHAT ABOUT COLLEGE?! WHO DECIDED PEOPLE LIKE YOU ARE SO GREAT?!
!
HOLD ON, REN. LET IT GO.

THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO UNDERSTAND SOMEONE ELSE'S PAIN.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T LEARN ON THEIR OWN, YOU KNOW.
PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SYMPATHIZE WITH OTHER PEOPLE
PEOPLE WHO ONLY CARE ABOUT SATISFYING THEIR OWN DESIRES.
WITH DIABOLO.. THEY FALL THE EASIEST OF ALL.
STOP IT ALREADY. IF WE GET EXPELLED--!
JUST WHAT I WANT!
LET'S GO!

Getting followed by a couple of weird guys !
Why do these things always happen to me...?
UGH.. COUGH!
I'LL KILL HER!
Mio's friends? She e-mailed them on the cell?
IT'S ALL MIO'S FAULT!
...STUPID LITTLE SISTER!
FROM WHO..?
HUH?
E-MAIL?

YOU SAY THAT AFTER YOU BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF HIM?
PATHETIC, EH?
E-MAIL?
YEAH. ME, TOO.
HMM?
ME TOO... BUT I TURNED THE POWER OFF.

WHAT IS THIS...?
WHAT'S WITH THIS E-MAIL?
SPAM?
WHAT A PAIN.
THE SAME LETTER?
WHAT? I DIDN'T GET ONE!
RAI-- LOOK AT THIS!


HIROMI! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
I'M COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM A CHAT-ROOM RIGHT NOW.
WELL, I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO ESTIMATE. IT MIGHT BE WORLDWIDE.
MAYBE IT'S THE DEVILS' PROCLAMATION OF WAR.
IT SEEMS LIKE, SUDDENLY, SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLDS FROM ALL OVER RECEIVED THE SAME E-MAIL AT THE SAME TIME.
THE SENDER IS UNKNOWN AND THE AMOUNT OF REPORTS FROM COMPUTERS AND CELLS.
THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE!

MY NAME IS ANGEL.
I'LL SAVE YOU.
NOW...
...COME THIS WAY.

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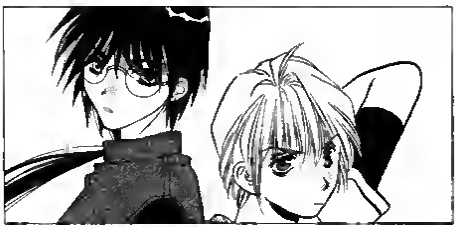
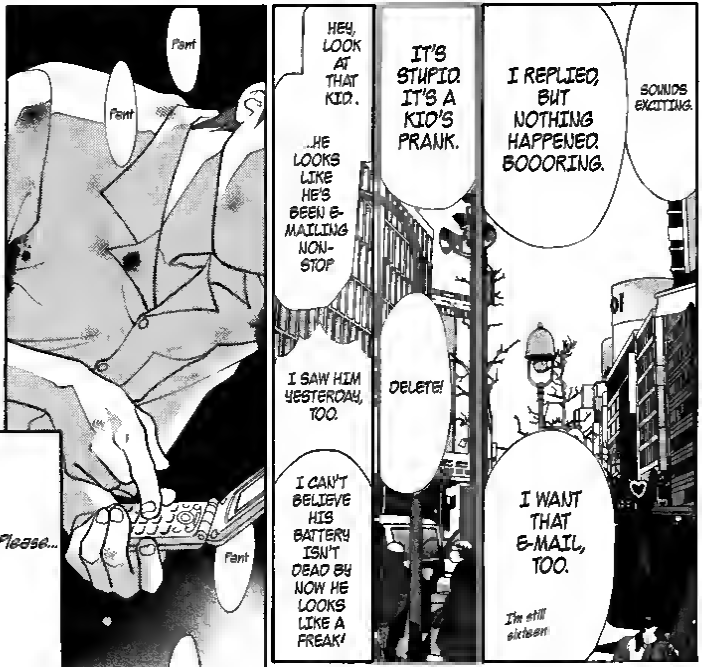
Please, somebody..
AND IN REGARD TO THE MYSTERIOUS, MASS E-MAIL THAT WAS SENT OUT TODAY..
Help.
AUTHORITIES FIND IT PUZZLING THAT THOSE WHO RECEIVED IT WERE ALL SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD USERS
WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD THAT IT WAS NOT ONLY SENT TO THE TEENS WITHIN JAPAN BUT ALSO OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY
THERE ARE SUSPICIONS THAT THIS IS A NEW TYPE OF COMPUTER VIRUS AND IT IS CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION AUTHORITIES CAUTION USERS NOT TO REPLY..




I'm still sixteen!
I WANT THAT E-MAIL, TOO.
DELETE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HIS BATTERY ISN'T DEAD BY NOW HE LOOKS LIKE A FREAK!
I SAW HIM YESTERDAY, TOO.
..HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN E-MAILING NON-STOP
HEY, LOOK AT THAT KID.
IT'S STUPID. IT'S A KID'S PRANK.
I REPLIED, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED. BOOORING.
SOUNDS EXCITING.
Please...
Pant
Pant
Pant
Pant

Save me
I'm too special...
....please take me away from this world of scum.
RAI, WHAT'S GOING ON?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEM.
I CAN'T EVEN SEND E-MAIL!
WE KNOW IT'S A TRAP AND WE CAN'T SAVE ALL THE VICTIMS OF THE DIABOLOS!
I FEEL SO HELPLESS... WHAT CAN I DO?

I'M HERE, AREN'T I?
HIROMI, TOO...
EVEN MIO IS HERE, SOMEWHERE.
RAI...
WE'LL FIGHT DESTINY AND TRY AS HARD AS WE CAN TO DEFEAT THEM.
They're playing a dangerous hand
The diabolos ...they're showing us their overwhelming power.
...they're trying to make us surrender
MIO... EH?

...my big brother
Please save...
HAHAHA!
AND THAT OTHER MIO IS TRYING HER BEST ALL BY HERSELF TOO, HUH?
HA HA.
A REPLY... I GOT A REPLY!
TO JUST ME! I WAS CHOSEN! TAKE THAT!
I CAN DO ANYTHING, AFTER ALL!
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
REALLY CREEPY.
I'LL BE FORGIVEN NO MATTER WHAT I DO!

NOW, I SHALL FREE YOU...
Menu

YOU, OVER THERE! MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
HEY! COUGH IT UP!
EEEEE!
YOU, TOO! SHOW ME THE MONEY, EH?!
I DON'T HAVE ANY.
THEN GO HOME AND GET IT!
I DON'T HAVE A HOME, EITHER
HOMELESS? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
Just when I thought he was my type.
SO YOU'RE THAT DESPERATE, HUH?

HERE/ TAKE IT.
GO GET YOURSELF SOMETHING TO EAT
HUMPH! PATHETIC, EH?
UH.
DON'T JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS! I GAVE IT TO HIM BECAUSE HE'S HUNGRY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TAKING MONEY FROM A STRANGER?
Tsk, tsk
WAIT A MINUTE.
REN!
.....

THIS...IT'S NOT YOUR WALLET, NOW IS IT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. THIS IS JUST A GAME, YOU KNOW.
UNTIL A BETTER LIFE COMES ALONG SOMEDAY..
...I'M JUST GOING TO LAUGH AND PLAY!
SEE YA! EAT UP, HOMELESS BOYS!
Homeless boys?
Like some comedy duo.

He... smells like me.
I sense a yearning, like he's looking for something from the bottom of his heart.
RAI.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WORRY.
NO. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MONEY.
I HAVE A LITTLE SAVED
BUT THAT'S... THE MONEY THAT YOU EARNED YOURSELF AFTER YOU LEFT THE ORPHANAGE, RIGHT, RAI?
IT'S MONEY THAT I MADE SO WE COULD COMPLETE OUR MISSION.
Ren...
I...

HOLD ON, KYOUYA!
WHY DID YOU GIVE HIM BACK THE WALLET?!
...as long as you are by my side, that's okay.
CMON, LET'S HIT THE NEXT ONE.
SORRY, DUDES.
I QUIT.
WHEN YOU ALLOW A COMPLETE STRANGER TO COME AND STOP US, THEN IT'S "GAME OVER."
WHAT?
JUST A MINUTE, KYOUYA!
HEY KYOUYA!
Everyone else was afraid and only looked on from a distance...
Those kids...it was the first time.

UHK--!

THE POWER IS... OVERFLOWING.
I WAS GIVEN POWER... FROM AN ANGEL!
HEY! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
HASHIGUCHI...? YOU'RE STILL HOLDING A GRUDGE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME..
SHE RELEASED ME FROM THE CONSTRAINTS OF THIS WORTHLESS WORLD.
I CAN DO ANYTHING... BECAUSE IM SPECIAL.

URGH...
HUMPH! SO THE NERD'S SNAPPED, EH?
I WAS ESPECIALLY CHOSEN!
DON'T GO THINKIN' YOU'RE SOMETHIN' JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT A BAT TO SWING!

'CAUSE I'M A MUCH MORE EXPERIENCED STREET-FIGHTER!
WHAT THE...?
...!

MEAT-SACK...?
HEH HEH HEH...
I COULD BEAT YOU WITH ONE HAND BEHIND MY BACK...
...YOU WORTHLESS HUMAN MEAT-SACK.
His strength and speed... it's inhuman!
How in the world...?
YOU'RE REALLY ASKING FOR IT, FREAK. NOW BRING IT!

URGH!
REGARDLESS OF THAT FAVOR EARLIER...
...YOU SHOULD RUN WHILE YOU HAVE THE CHANCE.

HEH.
HEH.
SO MIO TOLD YOU SOMETHING, EH?
PERFECT TIMING...
I'LL KILL YOU LOSERS, TOO.
HEH.
I'LL KILL ANYONE WHO GETS IN THE WAY OF MY STUDIES!!!
AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, I'LL TAKE CARE OF MIO!

URGH...
UH...
YOU...
...YOU...
SORRY, MIO-CHAN...
...I WISH THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY.

YOU- YOU'RE LOSERS.
HOW DARE YOU! YOU'RE JUST TRASH
O' LORD, PLEASE GUIDE THIS PITEOUS SOUL...
..AND GRANT ALL THOSE WHO FEAR THY NAME THEIR RETRIBUTION; THE TIME HAS COME TO DESTROY THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY THE EARTH.
ASHES TO ASHES.
DUST TO DUST.

EVIL TO DARKNESS
AME--
STOP!!
MIO-CHA--!

MIO-CHAN, HE'S NOT YOUR BROTHER ANY--
DON'T KILL BIG BROTHER! PLEASE, FORGIVE HIM!
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF HORRIBLE THINGS HE DOES, HE'S STILL MIO'S BROTHER!
.....
FOR MIO THEN ..
...I OFFER A CHOICE CAN YOU CHOOSE A LIFE WHICH ATONES FOR YOUR SINS?

I DON'T WANT ANYTHING LIKE THAT..!
I'D NEVER...!
People I don't want anyone else in my life...
Or are they? Worse yet, jail?
...I'LL TAKE YOU WITH ME, MIO!
MIO!!

Again?!
ARE YOU GOING TO KILL MIO AGAIN, BIG BROTHER?

DON'T FAKE YOUR COUGH!
STAY HERE AND REPENT!
FINALLY, YOU'RE QUIET, EH?.
YOU ALWAYS FUSS AND GET IN THE WAY OF MY STUDIES! YOU'RE THE BAD ONE! YOU'RE THE BAD ONE!
MIO?
M...
...MOM...
HELLO?
YES?
Meee...
Meee...

MIDI THIS IS YOUR BROTHER'S PHONE ISN'T IT? DON'T PLAY WITH IT!
IT'S HECTIC AND WE'RE BUSY OVER HERE! WE CAN'T COME HOME FOR A WHILE SO LISTEN TO YOUR BIG BROTHER, UNDERSTOOD?
SLAM
Beep
S...
It doesn't matter who
Somebody...
...hear my voice.
Beep
Beep
Beep
SA...
...VE...

SINCE WHEN?
REMEMBER
Bound and gagged, unable to move!
MIO SHOULD BE LOCKED AWAY IN THE CLOSET!
Save my big brother. He's going crazy...
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There's no way she could be out walking around.
What's she doing here?
Big Brother.

AAAHHHH!!

See?
Wow, she's cute!
...Mio.
It's your little sister..

I love my little sister..I'll protect her.. little Mio!
After all, I'm her big brother!
Big Brother
Mio, where are you?
Mio?
Mio's here.
Let's go together
Come here...
SORRY, MIO-CHAN...

What are these guys...?
RAI, DID YOU NOTICE? FROM THE START.
...THE GIRL WAS DEAD?
The little girl we interacted with was residual emotion that remained in the cell phone.
Those that desperately protect each other...
PATHETIC, EH?
...and support each other
...are kind to each other...
YOU.
YOU'RE NOT SURPRISED.. BY US.

JUST LIKE THOSE STUPID PRANK E-MAILS I DELETE IMMEDIATELY
BECAUSE IM NOT INTERESTED.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO. WITH ME, YOU KNOW.
YOU'RE AN INTERESTING ONE..
SEE YA.
MAYBE WE'LL MEET AGAIN.
HA HA HA...

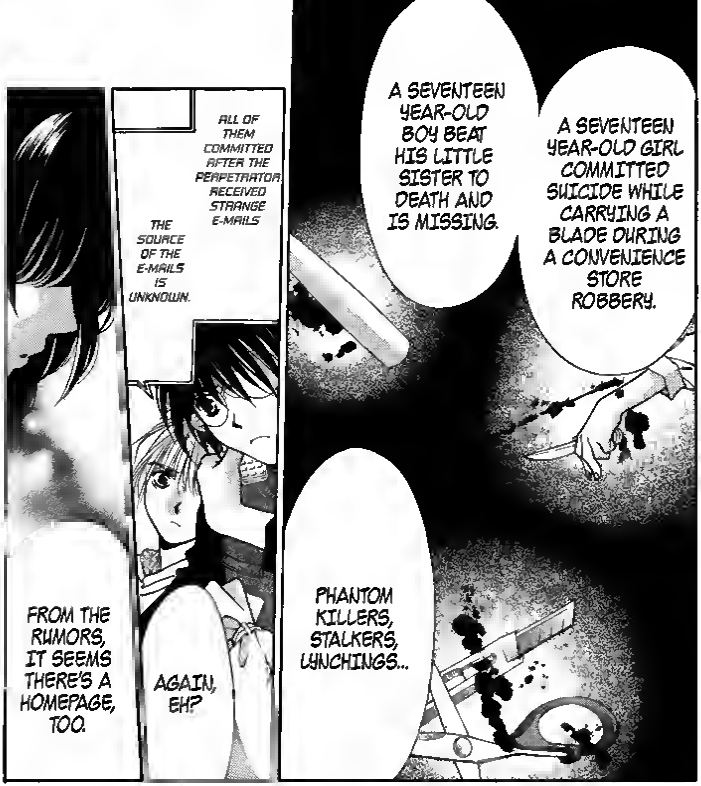
HOW ABOUT IT? INTRIGUING BOYS, AREN'T THEY?
NEMA-SAMA. THINGS LIKE THAT SPAM & MAILING, AND HAVING ME MEET THEM...NOT LOOKING FOR THE 6TH ONE. IS THIS SOME KIND OF GAME TO YOU?
IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING
I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT ONE OF THEM IS...
Their bond..
...ONE OF THE 6 GREAT SPIRITS.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THE POWER OF THOSE TWO.
I thought it was just a pathetic, facade of a friendship...

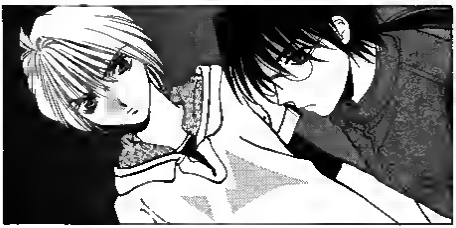
I'm sure I'll meet them again...
... someday.
HUMPH!
PATHETIC, EH?
Is this jealousy?

Like some comedy duo
Homeless boys?

Diabolo

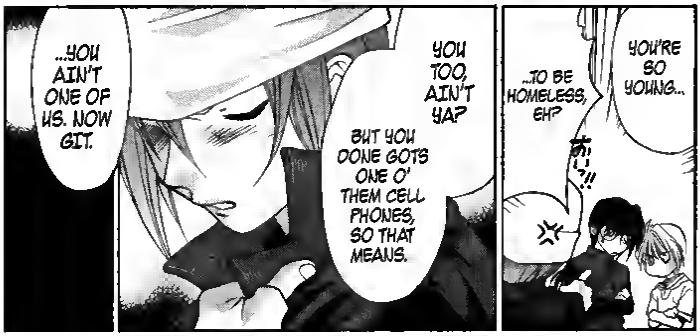
SUSPICION


A SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD GIRL COMMITTED SUICIDE WHILE CARRYING A BLADE DURING A CONVENIENCE STORE ROBBERY.
A SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD BOY BEAT HIS LITTLE SISTER TO DEATH AND IS MISSING.
PHANTOM KILLERS, STALKERS, LYNCHINGS...
ALL OF THEM COMMITTED AFTER THE PERPETRATOR RECEIVED STRANGE E-MAILS
THE SOURCE OF THE E-MAILS IS UNKNOWN.
AGAIN, EH?
FROM THE RUMORS, IT SEEMS THERE'S A HOMEPAGE, TOO.



SO WE'RE BACK AT SQUARE ONE.
THANK YOU, HIROMI.
IF SOMETHING COMES UP AGAIN...
...CALL US.
IT'S NAMED "HEAVEN."
AN EDEN THAT OPENS ONLY TO THE CHOSEN... IT'S ALREADY BECOMING AN URBAN LEGEND.
ENTER
FOR NOW, LET'S SLEEP..
...OUT IN THE OPEN.

HEY... THET'S MAH BED.
GIT OUTTA THE WAY.


YOU'RE SO YOUNG...
...TO BE HOMELESS, EH?
YOU TOO, AIN'T YA?
BUT YOU DONE GOTS ONE O' THEM CELL PHONES, SO THAT MEANS...
...YOU AIN'T ONE OF US. NOW GIT.

HUMPH! AWFULLY ARROGANT FOR A STREET KID!
IT'S EVERYONE'S PARK, YOU KNOW?! THE THREE OF US CAN SHARE IT.
WELL, THAT'D BE A LITTLE..
COUGH!
GOT A COLD, RAI?
NO, I'M ALL RIGHT.
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE A COLD, EH? YOU COULD GET SICK AND DIE.
HA HA.
IF I'M GOING TO DIE ANYWAY, I WANT YOU TO KILL ME.
BUT, I HATE PAIN.
HOW DO YOU WANT TO DIE?
WHILE I'M SLEEPING.. ON A SNOW COVERED MOUNTAIN.
WITH YOU HOLDING ME.
HEY! THEN I'D DIE, TOO, WOULDN'T I?

In truth...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY TIME.
I KNOW YOU MAYBE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KILL ME?
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...we should have been talking about our dreams, about our futures...
...instead of our deaths.

RAI.
Will that day ever come?
MMM...
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER? HERE, MEDICINE
IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO?
IM ALL RIGHT. JUST NEED MORE SLEEP
IS YOUR HEADACHE THAT BAD?
EEK!
ARE YOU SURE? WHY DID YOU PAUSE?
NO.
MMM... NO.

OW'WCH! WATCH WHERE YER GITTIN' TO.
YAH OWE ME AN APOLOGY, EH?
I KNOW YOU' FROM LAST NIGHT AT THE PARK.
Kowki Hideo?
Jerk!
WHAT?!
HUMPH.
OH, YAH CAUGHT ME.
DIDN' THINK MAH COVER'D BE BLOWN SO FAST.
WHY ARE YOU HOMELESS?
NOT THET IT'S ANY O' YER BUSINESS.

MY PAW KILLED 'IMSELF AFTER HE LOST 'IS JOB.
AND MAH STEP-MA RAN OFF WITH THE INSURANCE MONEY.
DURIN' THE DAY, I DRESS LIKE THIS SO'S PEOPLE WILL TALK TA ME.
BUT AT NIGHT, IM A SCARY LOOKIN' GIRL.
I'M ALL A MESS 'CUZ O' THEM ADULTS.
AH HATE THIS WORLD.
The cries of the soul that reach no one.

We are neither [illegible] nor are we children.
BUT YOU HAVE FRIENDS, DON'T YOU?
I GOT NO FRIENDS.
BUT AH GOT ME SOME COMRADES.

GIT OUTTA THE WAY...
WHAT? A CAR ACCIDENT?
STUPID BRAT! LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
...REI!
SOMEONE SHE KNOWS?
CAN'T TELL IN THOSE PAJAMAS.
WOW! WHAT A PRETTY CHILD...
IS IT A BOY OR A GIRL?

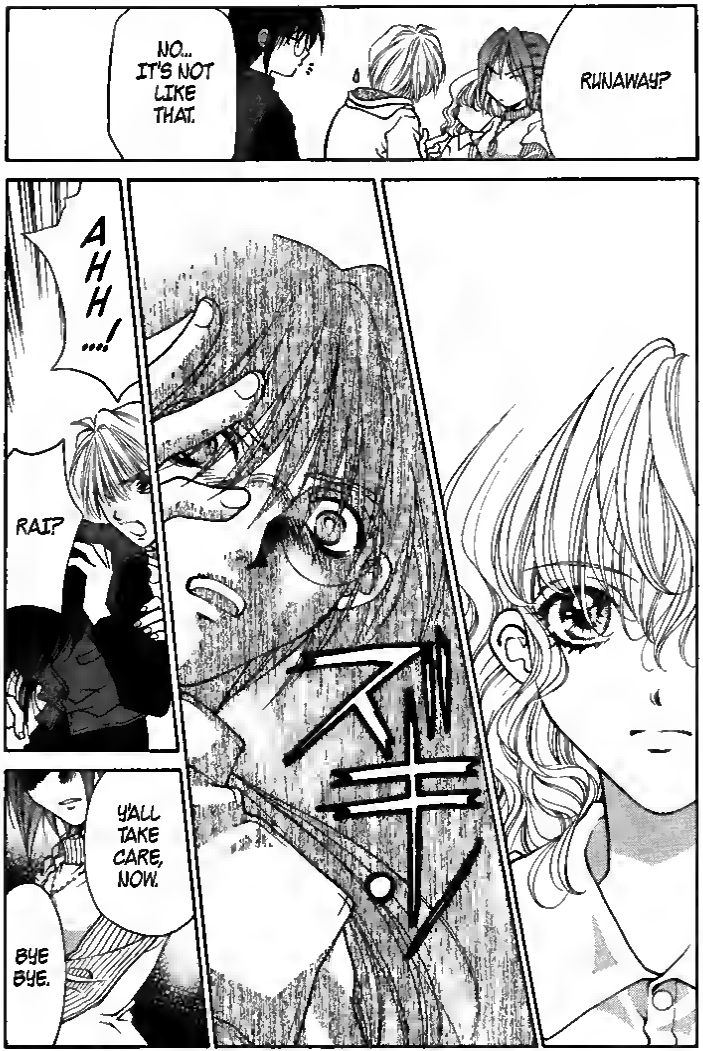
SNUCK OUT, YOU SAY?
FROM WHERE?
WHAT'RE YA DOIN'?! YOU SNEAK OUT AGAIN?!
I WAS CALLED.. BY NEBIROS.
YO, ARE YOU NEBIROS?
?
AND THEN SHE'S SARGATANAS. SHE'S THE BRIGADIER MAJOR
NICE TO MEET YOU.
IM SATANACHIA

THAT'S AN UNUSUAL NAME ISN'T IT?
Are you a foreigner?
MAH NAME'S NANA!
DON'T WORRY NONE 'BOUT WHAT REI SAYS.
REI'S AN ABANDONED CHILD.
REI'S LIVED IN A HOSPITAL SINCE BIRTH. MISSIN' A FEW CARDS IN THE DECK, YA KNOW.
BUT THOSE LOOKS O' HIS DONE HELPED ME OUT HEAPS.
I CAN UNDER-STAND THAT
REI SPLITS FOOD WITH ME SOMETIMES.
IN RETURN, AH LOOK OUT FOR REI IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
THEN YOUR COMRADE IS--

SEVENTEEN, AND WE AIN'T GOT A HOME OR PARENT'S OR NOTHING.
AND WE AIN'T GOT CELL PHONES OR COMPUTERS SO'S WE DON'T GIT THOSE E-MAILS THAT'RE SO POPULAR NOW.
REI, AH'LL WALK YA BACK. LET'S GIT.
I DON'T WANT A HOSPITAL!
REI!
THERE AREN'T ANY HOSPITALS AROUND HERE.
YOU JEST DON'T SEE 'EM.

YA SEE, IN THIS HERE CITY, FOLKS FALL DOWN SICK, AND EVER'BODY JES' WALKS RIGHT OVER 'EM.
BUT THE CITY'S FULL O' CRACKS O' DARKNESS.
WHATEVER'S IN THEM CRACKS, IT AIN'T SO STRANGE AS YOU'D THINK...
..THERE'S EVEN MORE HOME-LESS...
.. EVEN ILLEGAL HOSPITALS...
ILLEGAL..?
GROWN-UPS AIN'T STUPID, NEITHER.
THEY BE DOIN' RESEARCH TO FIND OUT HOW'S TO STOP THE VIOLENT KIDS.
AFTER ALL, THERE'S AS MANY LAB RATS AS YA WANT IN THIS CITY.
AND THEY DON'T GOT TO WORRY 'BOUT A FEW MISTAKES HERE AND THERE, EITHER
LIKE REI...
?
FROM THE START, REI WAS...

YOU'RE GOOD AT MAKIN' FOLK TALK, AIN'T YA?
AH NAW.. WHY'M AH TALKIN' SO MUCH?
Smile
IM RAI.
Y-
YA'LL ARE SNEAKY!
WE'RE LOOKING FOR OUR COUSIN, MIO. SHE'S MISSING.
THAT'S REN.
WHY DON' YAH TELL ME 'BOUT YOU TWO.


NO... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
RUNAWAY?
AHH...!
RAI?
Y'ALL TAKE CARE, NOW.
BYE BYE.

I KNOW MIO-CHAN.
WHAT?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
RAI?
RAI!
WHAT..? THEY'RE GONE ALREADY?
AH...

RAI...
...ARE YOU OKAY?
...UH.
THE MEDICINE'S NOT WORKING, HUH?
I'M ALL RIGHT I JUST NEED SLEEP..
..JUST A REALLY BAD HEADACHE.
Stronger medicine... maybe I should go to the hospital..
...some place where they'd see even us.
JUST HOLD ON, RAI!

NANA!
WHERE ARE YOU? PLEASE HELP ME!
SHUT UP.
DON'T YELL FER ME LIKE YA KNOWS ME
'CUZ HERE, AHM A MAN, YA KNOW.
RAI'S SICK!
WHAT'S THAT GOTTA DO WITH ME?
YOU KNOW WHAT...
Ren.

REN!
Ren?
Ren, where are you?
What if this is a devils' snare?
I NEED YOU TO SHOW ME THE ILLEGAL HOSPITAL.
LOOK, WE CAN'T GO TO A REGULAR HOSPITAL.
THE CELL PHONE IS A FRIEND'S. IT'S NOT MINE.
I DON'T EVEN HAVE A FUTURE.
I'VE LOST MY HOUSE AND PARENTS, TOO.
C'MON... COME WITH ME.
I smell blood.
Don't go.

SO... IS REI DOING WELL?
HUH? OH, REI GETS BY WITH THAT FACE, AS USUAL.
SAY... WHAT REI SAID LAST TIME...
..ABOUT KNOWING MIO.
..DO YOU THINK THAT'S TRUE?
PROB'LY... REI'S A BIT LOONEY, BUT HE AIN'T NO LIAR.
10 years ago...
YER TALKIN' 'BOUT THAT UNCONSCIOUS GIRL COVERED IN BLOOD FROM TEN YEARS AGO, RIGHT? THE STORY'S THAT ONE O' THE HOMELESS FOUND HER AND BRUNG HER HERE. THAT'S ALL AH KNOW
AND HEN...?
THE STREET FOLK WERE GOSSIPIN' 'BOUT IT FER A WHILE.
WOKE UP AND RUNNED AWAY, OR ELSE SOMEONE DONE TOOK HER.
JUST DISAPPEARED AFTER SHE GOT BETTER.

POOR 'UN. VICTIMS ARE ALWAYS THE LITTLE 'UNS.
THEY SAY THE OLD HURTS WERE ONES FROM HER BEATIN'S.
HER NAME WUZ ON HER CLOTHES SHE WUZ A LITTLE GIRL WITH LONG HAIR AN' HURTS ALL OV'R HERSELF
It's Mio.
Mio's alive?!

NOW HURRY UP AND GET OVER HERE
CAN'T YA KEEP UP WITH ME?
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I can't be alone
We have to be together or...
REN, WHERE ARE YOU...?
...REN?
Ren
Where are you?

I'll find you.
Even in this crowd..
HERE, THIS WAY.
WHAT'RE YA DOIN'? HURRY ON UP.
GIT OVER HERE.
What is it? I can't catch up.
I'm already lost.
NANA..

NANA...?
When did we...? Where is this?
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She's disappeared
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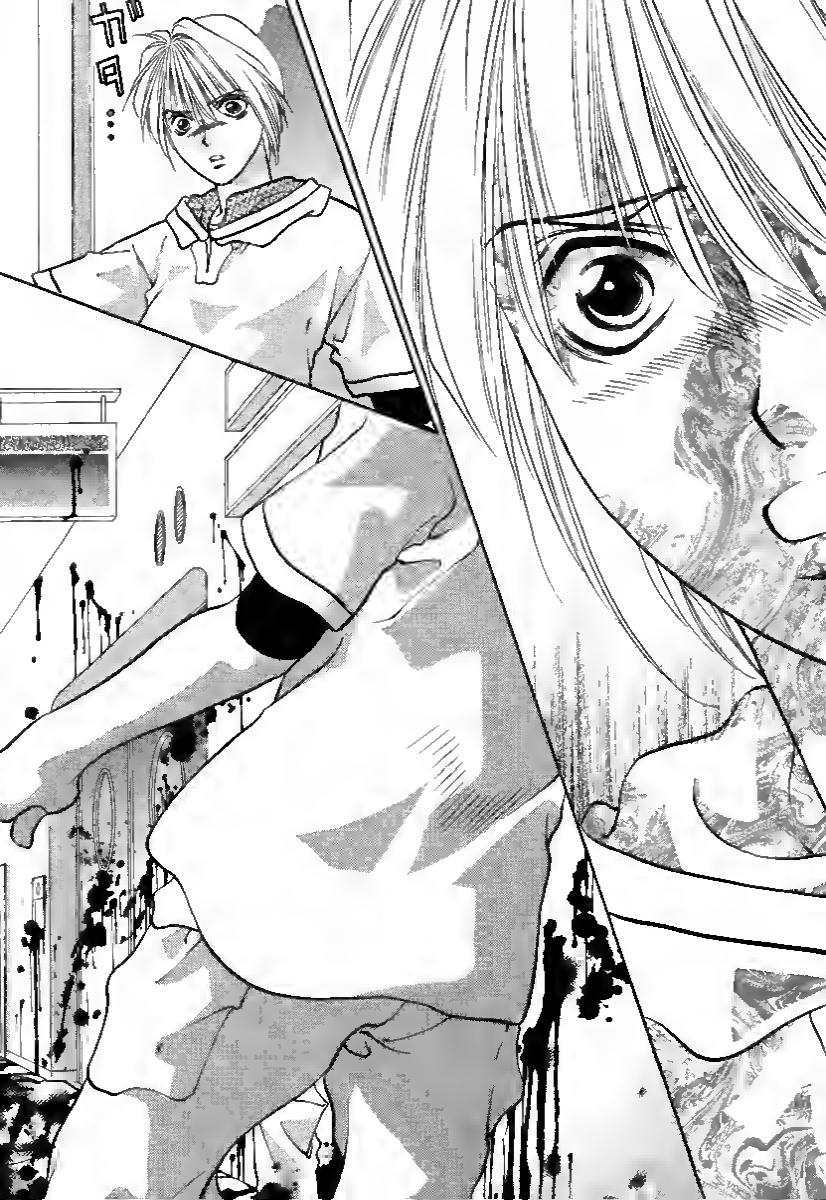
THIS BUILDING... IT LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL OFFICE FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT...
キイ...
Is Rei here?
Basement?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UH...

AAAHHH!
REN...!
I'M ALL RIGHT. CALM DOWN!
RIGHT NOW THOSE TWO ARE PROBABLY VERY SURPRISED!
Snicker Snicker

YAH HEAR THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TEST THE LITTLE 'UN FIRST?
WON'T BE EASY, HUH? A NORMAL PERSON WOULD HAVE SNAPPED IF THEY SAW SOMETHING LIKE THAT
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW SO I THOUGHT IT BEST TO TEST THEM BOTH HEY, DON'T MAKE SUCH A SCARY EXPRESSION.
IM TIRED OF PLAYING A SICK PERSON.
WE SHOULD JUST GET AWAY FROM HERE
ALL YOUR CLOTHES ARE SO BIG, HUH? I LOOK EVEN CUTER THAN I NEED TO.
YER SOMETHIN'.. AIN'T YA, SATANACHIA?
THAT BEAUTY WHAT MAKES EVERYONE YER SLAVE.
THE POWER TO CONTROL FOLK LIKE YAH WANT
IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN AMAZIN' MASSACRE, WEREN'T IT?
YEP IT WAS REALLY PRETTY.

ONE OF THOSE TWO IS MAJOR GENERAL NEBIROS.
THE ESPECIALLY BRUTAL, HEINOUS ONE THAT BESTOWS EVERY CONCEIVABLE PAIN...
THE LAST ONE OF US... THE SIXTH GREAT SPIRIT.
In an instant, the white Isle Coats were stained with blood.
OH, WON'T HE HURRY UP AND AWAKEN?
IM LOOKING FORWARD TO IT I REALLY WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH HIM.
FER REAL?

RAI...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? ARE Y--
IT HURTS!
RAI...?

The blood...!
The scent of blood... it chokes me... but it's too delicious and tempting...
I feel like I'm going to lose my mind...
!!
If I'm no longer human...

I need you to kill me, Ren.
No, not yet!
It's starting... I have to resist it...
God I beg you, give me just a little more time!

RAI?
HMM...? OH, IT'S NOTHING.

AWAKENING

Diabolo

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OH.
SAY, JUST A MINUTE. THAT...
WHAT?
THAT GIRL JUST NOW...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER...?
MAYBE SHE WAS RAPED...
YOU THINK ...?
FORGET ABOUT IT. YOU DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED.

The day I was killed was a day like this, too...
Ah...
RAI!
HEY, RAI!

Rai's been acting strange lately.
ARE YOU OKAY?
RAI!
HUH?
GIVE ME YOUR HAND FOR A MOMENT.
HUH?
HURRY!
I can't put my finger on it.
YEAH.

IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, TELL ME RIGHT AWAY.
YOU PROMISE?
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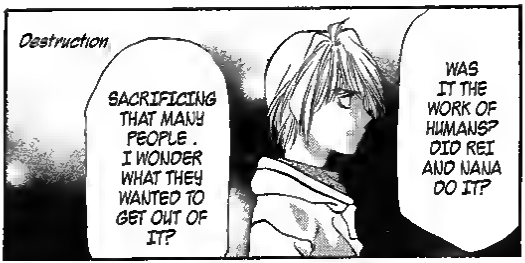
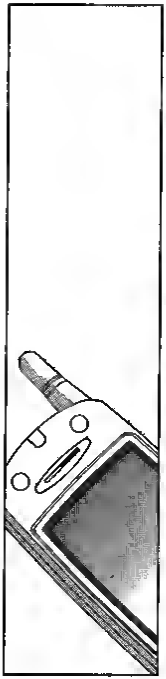
……
THANK YOU, REN.
I NEED YOU TO LOOK OUT FOR ME!
STOP IT!
IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
You were always like that, weren't you, Ren? Such a worry wart.

COME.
We're best Friends!
Let's play, Rei!
At the orphanage I was picked on all the time... especially at school
COME... SIXTH ONE.
HEY, YOU KNOW THAT HUGE MASSACRE AT THE UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL?
EVEN THOUGH WE REPORTED IT, IT HASN'T MADE THE NEWS YET
THEY PUT A "NO TRESPASSING" SIGN UP, BUT...
..INSIDE, IT WAS ALL CLEANED UP...LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED


Destruction
SACRIFICING THAT MANY PEOPLE. I WONDER WHAT THEY WANTED TO GET OUT OF IT?
WAS IT THE WORK OF HUMANS? DID REI AND NANA DO IT?

I WONDER IF IT'S THE CURSE OF SOME SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD WHO MADE A FACT WITH THE DEVIL?
Beautiful screams
Delicious blood
I WONDER IF REI AND NANA HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH MIO?



They're our comrades
ARE THEY OUR ENEMIES.?

What do you want me to...?
LET'S GO, RAI!
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N-NO! STOP..!
YOU KNOW YOU WANT IT
LOOK-- I SAID TO BE QUIET!
SHUT YER MOUTH!

HEY!
STOP! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
AWW... WE'RE JUST PLAYING!
HMPH!
THIS ISN'T A GAME. IT'S A CRIME!
HEY MAN, HER FATHER'S A CRIMINAL!
SHE'S A MURDERER'S DAUGHTER! SHE DESERVES IT.
MURDERER ?
GET LOST!!!

EEE...!
NO WAY! THEY GOT A KNIFE?
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
RUN!

It's the first time you've ever attacked...
Something's definitely not right
Rei..?
UMM...
U... UMM...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
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B-BUT I-IT'S TRUE ABOUT MY FATHER AND I.. ALWAYS . IT'S NOT..
LOOK AT HER.. SHE'S TERRIFIED!
DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE POLICE?
HAVE THEY ATTACKED YOU BEFORE?

.....
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.
ARE YOU REALLY ALL RIGHT?
OH? THEY SELL THEM AT THE MINI-MARTS? GREAT!
...
THAT'S WHY, YOU KNOW, THIS GIRL'S CLOTHES ARE...DIRTY AND...WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE CHANGE OF UH.. UNDERWEAR...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT GIRLS' CLOTHES, HIROMI! THAT'S WHY IM ASKING YOU, OKAY?
..YEAH, HIROMI, THAT'S RIGHT

THAT POOR GIRL..
... ROUGHED UP BY THOSE THUGS.
YEAH. IT'S HORRIBLE, ISN'T IT?
IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD, ISN'T IT?
REN, PLEASE...
..BE CAREFUL.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE EVIL WITHOUT EVER BEING INFLUENCED BY THE POWERS OF THE DEVILS.
THAT'S HOW IT IS, RAI, SO...
..YOU GO.
HUH? I'M GOING TO THE STORE?

...TSUKIKO.
WE'LL WALK YOU HOME, OKAY, HMM...?
WHAT-EVER.
B-BECAUSE I'M THE DAUGHTER OF A MURDERER.
AFRAID? WHY?
AREN'T YOU... AFRAID OF ME?
Y-YOU KNOW, MY FATHER..
MY MOTHER AND LITTLE BROTHER. HE KILLED THEM AND THEN COMMITTED SUICIDE.
I'M REN, AND THE ONE WITH THE GLASSES IS RAI.
WE'RE NOT DANGEROUS PEOPLE, YOU KNOW.
But we're really suspicious of other people.

I-I WAS STABBED, TOO AND I LOST A LOT OF BLOOD BUT...I WAS SAVED...
THAT.. HE FAILED AT EVERYTHING...
HE SAID THAT HE HAD FAILED AT WORK..
A survivor of a family suicide...
....BUT I ENDURED IT SO I WOULD GET FED.
...!
...HE WAS REALLY MEAN AND..DID PAINFUL THINGS TO ME, BUT...
THE UNCLE THAT TOOK ME IN...
Ren! You murderer! I shouldn't have given birth to you!
For my father's sins.
EVERY-ONE SAYS... THAT THIS IS PUNISH-MENT...
For someone as useless as me
PUNISH-MENT..

STOP IT, TSUKIKO! IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THANK YOU... REN-KUN.
WHOA I THINK I'LL GRAB ONE OF THESE, TOO.
HA HA HA!
WHOA! WA HA HA HA HA!

!
GOT THE BOOZE?
NOW, LET'S GO OR WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE PARTY.
BUT...!
THEY'RE PUNK KIDS PRETENDING TO BE GANGSTERS. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY MIGHT DO!
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT BE STILL, HOLD YOUR BREATH, AND HIDE.
IT'S OKAY. LET THEM GO!
HEY! WHAT ABOUT MY MONEY?!
That's how the world is now...
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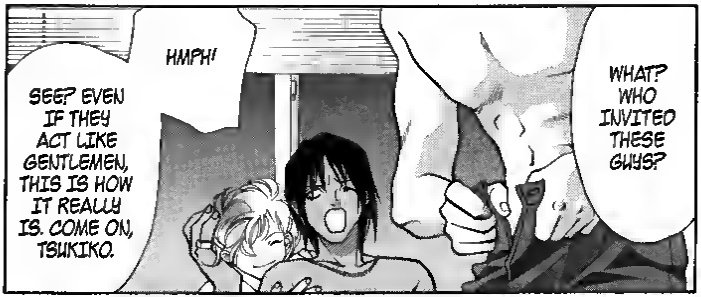
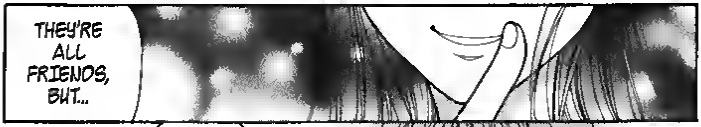
I...DIDN'T WANT TO GO BACK TO MY UNCLE'S PLACE, SO THEY'RE LETTING ME STAY.
I-IT'S NOT MINE, IT'S A FRIEND'S..
THIS IS WHERE YOU LIVE? THAT'S AN AMAZING CONDO.

As long as I don't forget that, I'll be all right
PLEASE, COME IN.
The finger cutting with Ren, the promise...
That warmth of our friendship
SORRY...
DON'T BITE YOUR FINGER YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A KID WITH EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS.
RAI.. YOUR LITTLE FINGER'S BLEEDING.
HMM? OH.

THAT'S OKAY.
I..I WANT TO THANK YOU PLEASE COME IN..
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, REALLY
YOU'RE MY FRIENDS, RIGHT? PLEASE.
AND IT'S A FULL HOUSE TONIGHT, TOO, SO--
WELCOME HOME, TSUKIKO.


WHAT? WHO INVITED THESE GUYS?
HMPH!
SEE? EVEN IF THEY ACT LIKE GENTLEMEN, THIS IS HOW IT REALLY IS. COME ON, TSUKIKO.

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?


THEY'RE ALL FRIENDS, BUT...

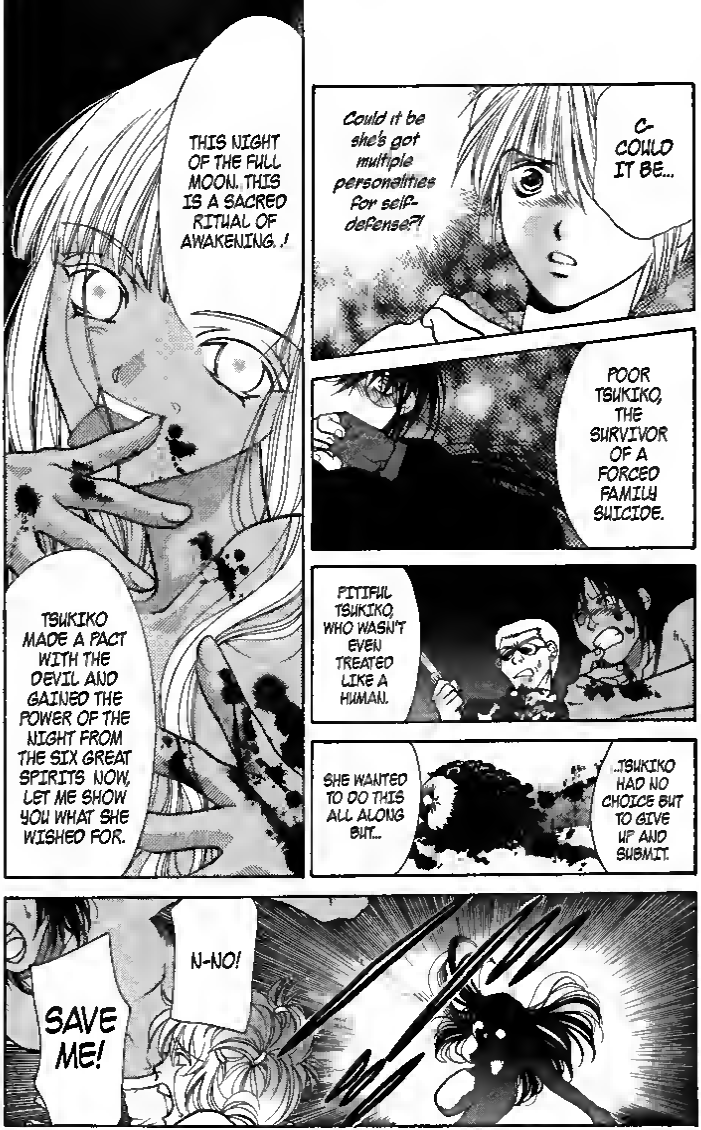
...I'M KEPT AS A PET HERE.

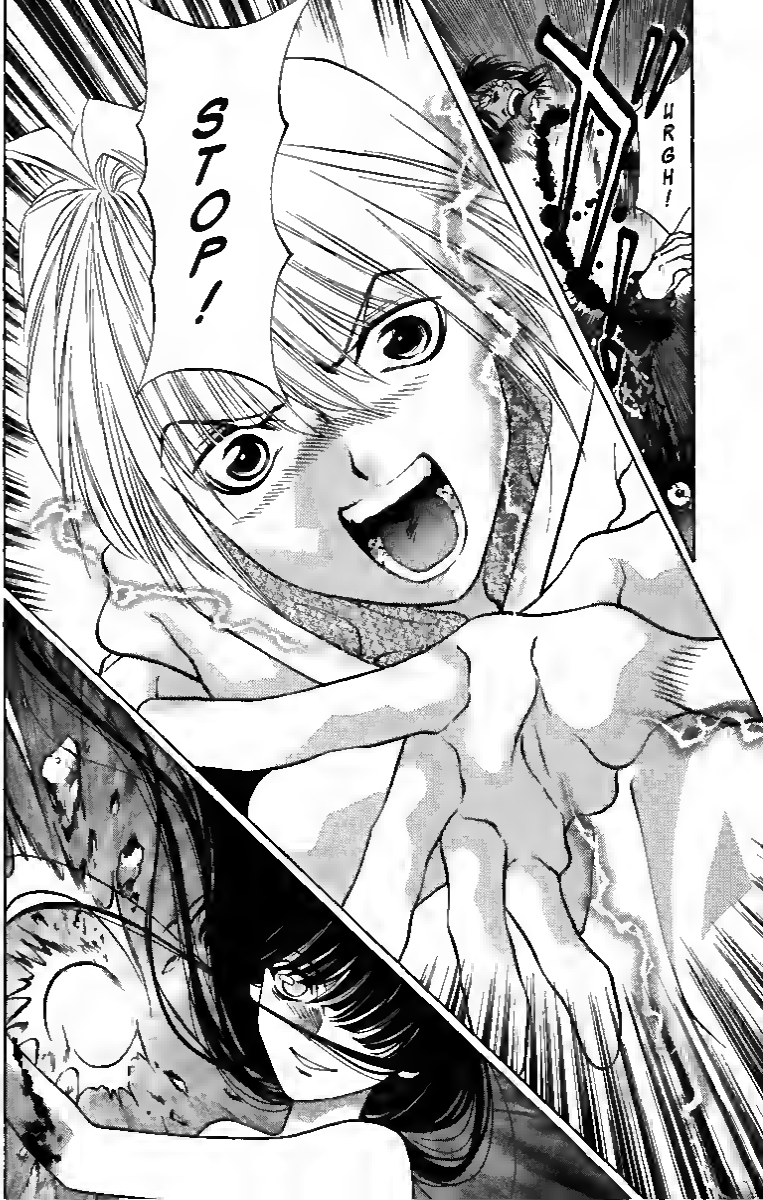
WOO HOO!
"TSUKIKO OF THE NIGHT" IS DEFINITELY DIFFERENT!
SHE DOESN'T GET INTO IT IN THE DAY, BUT WHEN THE SUN SETS, WATCH OUT!
NO! YOU GUYS STO--
HEY, IT'S CON-SENSUAL!
YOU'RE SO CRAZY AT NIGHT, TSUKIKO!
LOOK AT THEIR FACES!
Tsukiko's practically a different person. She's acting like a prostitute.
It's crazy!
This isn't right!
"!!

...YOU GUYS CAN JOIN IN, TOO.
SAY...
This is what we're desperately trying to protect...?
This is normal...?
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, RAI.
BUT YOU CAN'T.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT.
WAITING FOR THE FULL MOON.
TO BE PICKED UP BY THESE GUYS...
...AND TO MEET YOU.
FINALLY, EVERY-THING'S COME TOGETHER
Editor's Note. The name Teukiko means "Moon Child"

THE PARTY'S JUST BEGUN!
UH...?

She's changed!
EE...
WHOA! THIS SHIT'S FOR REAL!
She's even crazier than I thought!
IM NOT TSUKIKO, YOU KNOW
RIGHT NOW IM THE FAIRY OF THE NIGHT... PLEURETY.


THIS NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON. THIS IS A SACRED RITUAL OF AWAKENING.!
TSUKIKO MADE A PACT WITH THE DEVIL AND GAINED THE POWER OF THE NIGHT FROM THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS. NOW, LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT SHE WISHED FOR.
C-COULD IT BE...
Could it be she's got multiple personalities for self-defense?!
POOR TSUKIKO, THE SURVIVOR OF A FORCED FAMILY SUICIDE.
PITIFUL TSUKIKO, WHO WASN'T EVEN TREATED LIKE A HUMAN.
..TSUKIKO HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE UP AND SUBMIT.
SHE WANTED TO DO THIS ALL ALONG BUT...
N-NO!
SAVE ME!


URGH!
STOP!

YOU MADE A PACT WITH THE DEVIL FOR THESE POWERS? WHY?
SHE HAD TO. WHO ELSE WOULD SAVE HER?
DID YOU THINK TSUKIKO REALLY ENJOYED THIS KIND OF LIFE?
WHY ARE YOU GETTING IN MY WAY? AREN'T WE COMRADES? I KNOW.
WE'RE DIABOLO. I KNOW.
LET'S HAVE FUN TOGETHER. LET'S KILL TOGETHER. A ROTTEN WORLD LIKE THIS...!
SHUT UP!
WE'RE HERE TO SAVE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE FALLEN!

DUST TO DUST!
OH, YOU'RE WRONG.
YOU TWO WERE MERELY PAWNS CAUGHT IN THEIR PLOT, TOO.

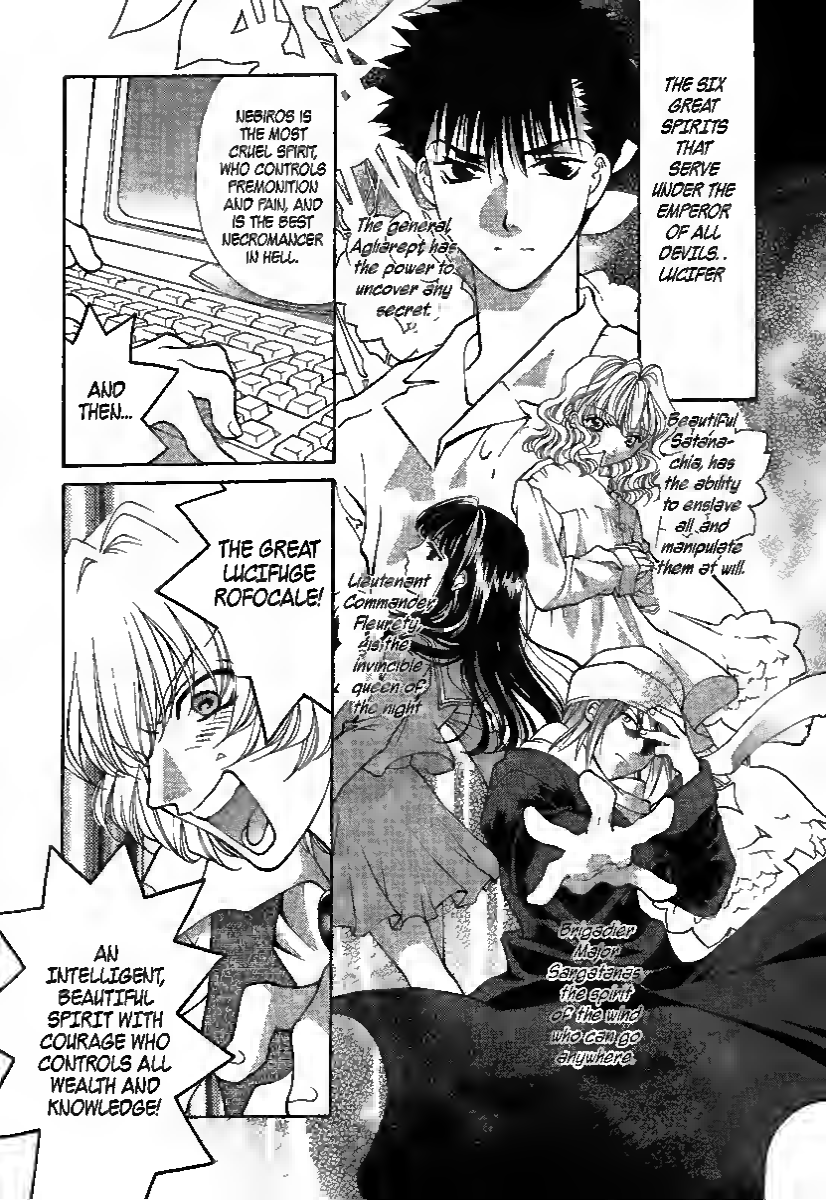
...SO IT WAS HARD TO FIND YOU.
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU REALLY ARE...
IT'S NOT LIKE JUST ANYONE CAN BECOME A DIABOLO.
NANA?
WAIT...
SEE...? IT'S FATE THAT WE MEET AGAIN
NOW HURRY UP AN' GIT OVER HERE. WE'RE WAITIN'.

SIX GREAT SPIRITS... WHAT'S THAT?
DO THEY THINK THEY KNOW US...?
THEY WANT TO SHOW US MURDER?
RAI...?
RAI, SAY SOME--

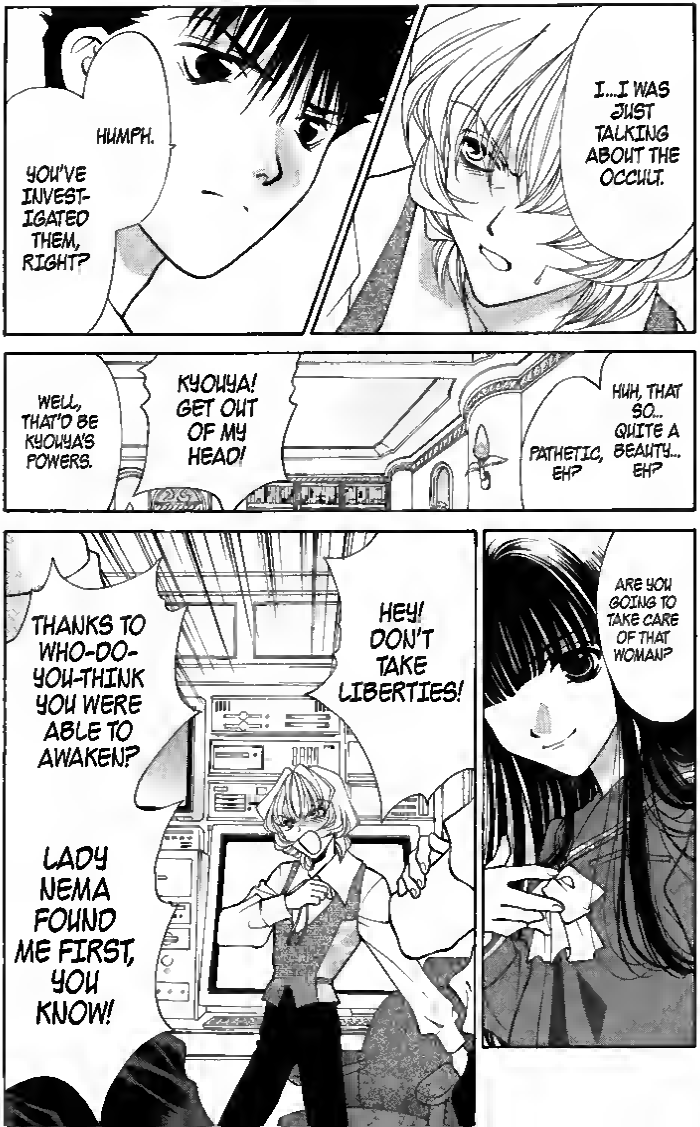
Rai has disappeared...
RAI?!
WHERE'D YOU GO RAI?!
...leaving behind a chewed-off finger

DECISION
Diabolo

ぴちゃ…


THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS THAT SERVE UNDER THE EMPEROR OF ALL DEVILS.. LUCIFER
NEBIROS IS THE MOST CRUEL SPIRIT, WHO CONTROLS PREMONITION AND PAIN, AND IS THE BEST NECROMANCER IN HELL.
The General, Agliarept has the power to uncover any secret.
AND THEN...
Beautiful Satana-chia, has the ability to enslave all and manipulate them at will.
THE GREAT LUCIFUGE ROFOCALE!
Lieutenant Commander Fleuretty is the invincible queen of the night
Brigadier Major Sargatanas the spirit of the wind who can go anywhere.
AN INTELLIGENT, BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT WITH COURAGE WHO CONTROLS ALL WEALTH AND KNOWLEDGE!

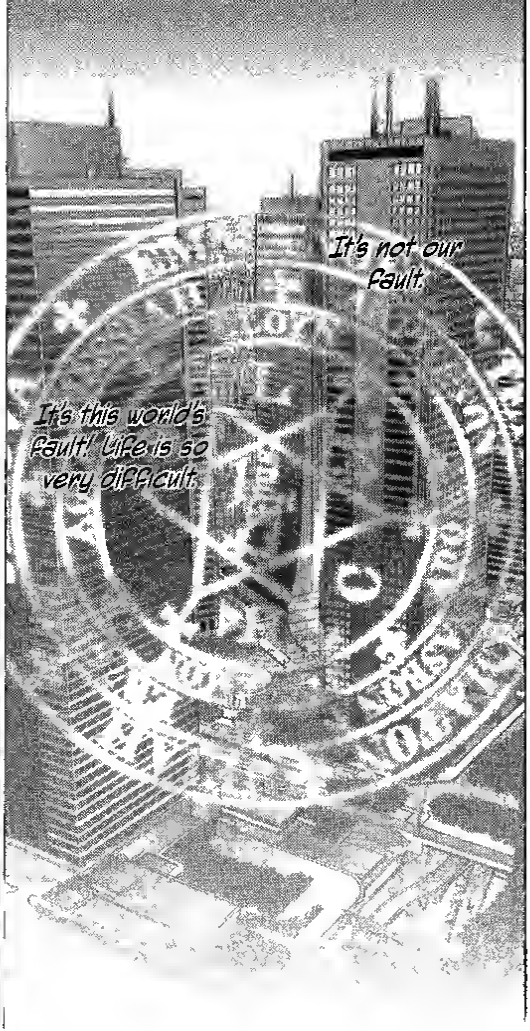
WHATCHA DOIN', YUU?
ぴょこ
WHAT DO YOU WANT? DON'T COME IN WITHOUT PERMISSION.
YOU KNOW MY ONLY HOBBY IS CHATTING.
CHAT? YAH MEAN THE NET?
REST ASSURED. IT'S A NON-ROM PRIVATE CHAT.
NANA AND YUU... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
KYOUYA.
WHAT 'BOUT THAT SHOULD I BE REST ASSURED 'BOUT? YAH HERMIT!
OH WELL.
Take off those dirty clothes!
WHAT DID YOU SAY, YOU PARASITE?!
REI!
WHAT?
WELL...YUU IS TALKING ABOUT US TO SOMEONE WE DON'T KNOW.


I...I WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT THE OCCULT.
HUMPH.
YOU'VE INVESTIGATED THEM, RIGHT?
HUH, THAT SO... QUITE A BEAUTY... EH?
KYOUYA! GET OUT OF MY HEAD!
PATHETIC, EH?
WELL, THAT'D BE KYOUYA'S POWERS.
ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THAT WOMAN?
HEY! DON'T TAKE LIBERTIES!
THANKS TO WHO-DO-YOU-THINK YOU WERE ABLE TO AWAKEN?
LADY NEMA FOUND ME FIRST, YOU KNOW!

SEE? WHEN YOU GET MAD.
...YOUR PRIDE AND JOY, YOUR APPEARANCE DISTORTS.
A BRILLIANT HOLOGRAM.
BABY.
AND I FOUND YOU GUYS, SO...
AND I DID A LOT OF BAD STUFF FOR YOU!
HERE HE GOES AGAIN!
WITH YOUR REAL BODY UNABLE TO MOVE, AND HIDDEN AWAY AS IF UNFIT FOR SOCIETY...
...YOU SURE WERE RAISED A SPOILED BRAT.
WITH ALL YOUR INHUMAN POWERS, YOU'RE A FAILURE AS A HUMAN.
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK.
...HUMPH.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
OH, I'M GOING HOME
TO YOUR LONELY HOUSE?
I PICKED UP A CAT.
IT'S A STRAY, BUT... TAMING IT KEEPS ME OCCUPIED.
AND YOU, UGLY! TAKE OFF THAT HAT AND TAKE A LOOK IN THE MIRROR!
.....
DON'T BE TOUCHIN' ME!
STOP IT.
WE'RE...
...TOO UNHAPPY TO DO THE "HERO" THING.

IF THE WORLD'S GOING TO BE DESTROYED ANYWAY, THEN I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE A HAND IN IT.
WE'VE BEEN GIVEN THE POWERS FOR THAT.
WHAT ABOUT NEBIROS?
HE'S... ALREADY CHANGIN'.
That's right.

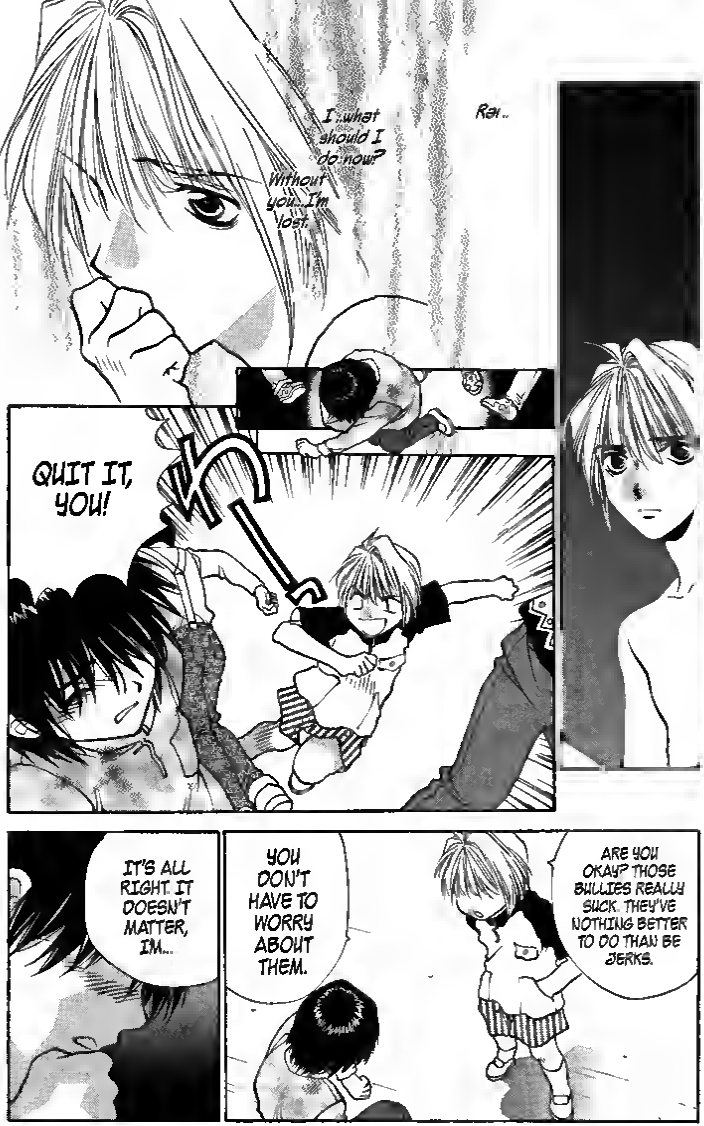

It's not our fault.
It's this world's fault! Life is so very difficult.

REN.
PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES.
HMM.... RAI?
IM GLAD.. I...WAS DREAMING.
I DREAMT THAT YOU WERE GONE...

AAH!
WHAT IS IT? I SAVED YOUR LIFE, YOU KNOW.
I TOOK YOU IN AFTER YOU'D PASSED OUT. SO YOU HOMELESS BOYS SPLIT UP, EH?
EAT.
BY THE WAY...
THE NAME'S KYOUYA.
WELL, KYOUYA.. YOU'RE VERY KIND, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT? YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME
RAI IS, TOO...
HE WAS KIND. I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S MISSING ALL OF A SUDDEN..
AND SO... ABRUPTLY.

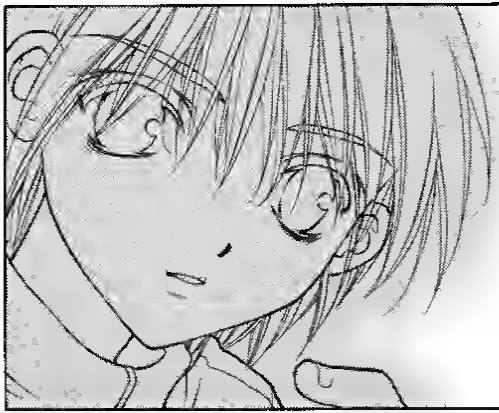
Hurry up and get over here.
What if he's been caught by what they call those "Six Great Spirits"?
IF THAT'S THE CASE... I GUESS IT'S OKAY.
MAYBE HE JUST WANTED TO BE ALONE... NEEDED SOME TIME ON HIS OWN, YA KNOW?
BLIP
POLICE FOUND THE OCCUPANTS OF THE CONDOMINIUM MURDERED
IT IS THOUGHT THAT A SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO HAD BEEN VISITING IS INVOLVED. HER WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN...
IN OTHER NEWS ANOTHER VIOLENT INCIDENT REPORTEDLY INVOLVING A SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD...
...INFORMATION ABOUT HEAVEN...
Six Great Spirits?
Nana... Tsukiko Those two... could they be...?
YOU DON'T KNOW?
Oh, that's right, you're homeless.
HUH? HEAVEN?

LATELY.. SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLDS HAVE BEEN RUNNING AWAY AND COMMITTING CRIMES...
..THEY'RE MAKING A FUSS THAT MAYBE THERE'S A CRIMINAL CULT THAT'S MADE UP OF ONLY SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLDS.
SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLDS ARE DISAPPEARING FROM THE CITY...AND NO ONE KNOWS WHY...
I THINK IT'S AN URBAN LEGEND OR SOMETHING. THE PRESS IS HAVING A FIELD DAY WITH IT.
HMM...
THE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HEAVEN AND AN E-MAIL VIRUS..
I'M TAKING OFF, SO YOU BE CAREFUL.
IF YOU GO OUT, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T TELL ANYONE YOU'RE SEVENTEEN
THEY MIGHT ACCOST YOU.
HUH?
?!


I...what should I do now?
Without you...I'm lost.
Rei..
QUIT IT, YOU!
ARE YOU OKAY? THOSE BULLIES REALLY SUCK. THEY'VE NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN BE JERKS.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEM.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. IT DOESN'T MATTER, I'M...

SO THAT MAKES IT OKAY TO PICK ON YOU? NO WAY!
...JUST AN ABANDONED KID. I DON'T EVEN KNOW MY PARENTS' FACES.
DOESN'T MATTER. THAT'S JUST STUPID.
HUH?
I'M REN! NICE TO MEET YOU!
I'M... RAI.
YOU'RE TALL, AREN'T YOU. LUCKY.
HOW OLD ARE YOU? ARE WE THE SAME AGE? WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
.....

TODAY'S THE DAY DAD COMES HOME EARLY.
YEAH
SORRY! I GOTTA GO!
REN! TIME TO GO HOME!
OKAY, MOM!
A happy family
A warm household
Blinding smiles.
A boy that's like an angel
Lucky.



How unfair the world is.
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GO TO HEAVEN....
THERE ARE SO MANY FOOLS, EH?
WHEN WE SAY "THE GATE WON'T OPEN UNLESS YOU KNOCK"...

THEN THE SHEEP RETURN TO BEING SACRIFICES...
...AND THE TRASH RETURNS TO BEING TRASH.
THEY SHOULD CONSIDER THAT AN HONOR
LORD NEBIROS..
..THEY CAN'T HEAR YOU.

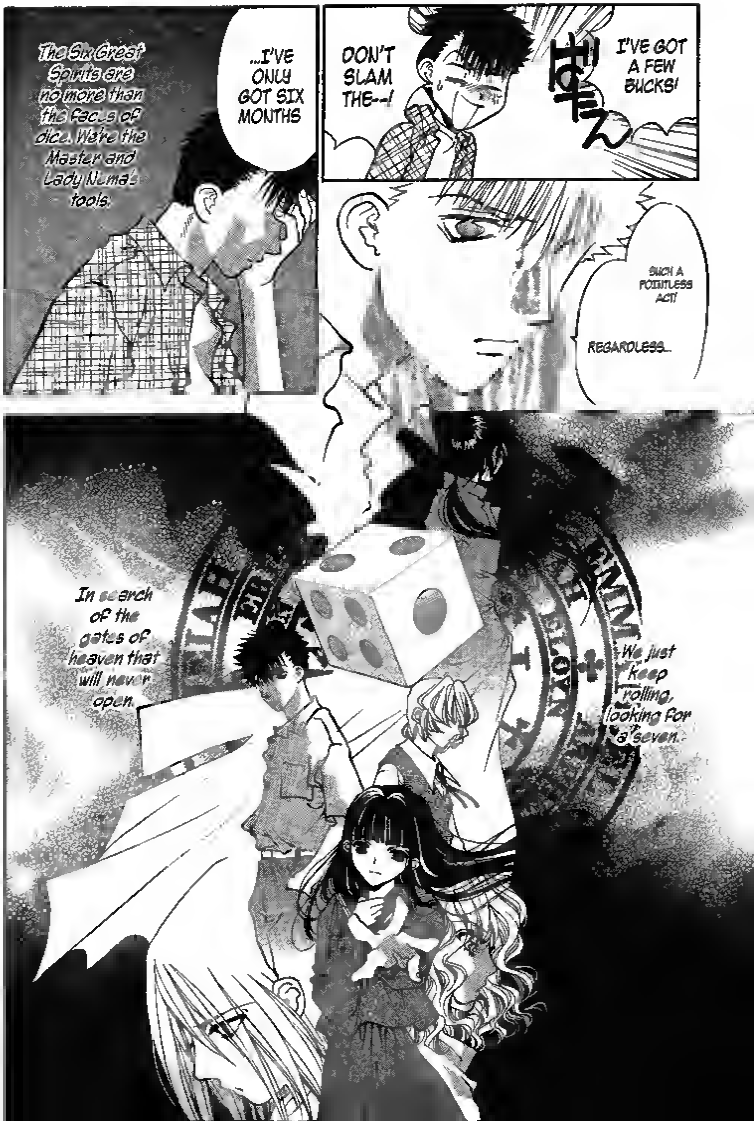
OH, IS THAT SO...?

KYOUYA?!
DON'T!
An' he was such a good guy
THESE ARE... LADY NEMA'S ORDERS.
HOWEVER, THEY WERE ALL SCUM.
TO KILL THE BELIEVERS WHO CAME TO BE SAVED AND MAKE THEM MARIONETTES IS BEYOND EVIL.
HIS CRUELTY ACTUALLY SURPASSES THAT OF THE RUMORS.

Don't touch me.
No one approaches without permission.
.....!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KYOUHA?
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?
YOU COULD SAY I DON'T TRUST HIM.
Am I stupid?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I WON'T DO IT AGAIN.
Is he acting like this because of the homeless boy?
Because he's odd?

I need to try and find out...
...if Rei's consciousness still remains inside Nebiros.
HEY, HIROMI. ANYTHING ON THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS?
通話中
ヒロミ
SOME OCCULT MANIAC EXPLAINED IT TO ME ON A CHAT.
I'LL E-MAIL YOU THE DETAILS.

They set the snare 10 years ago?
AND THEY'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR THOSE SIX PEOPLE?
BUT WHY NOW? THE INCIDENT WITH MIO WAS TEN YEARS AGO.
THEY'RE ALL SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD. I KNOW THAT I'VE MET A FEW OF THEM.
KYOUYA?
DID YOU GET INTO A FIGHT?
IT'S NOTHING. IT'LL HEAL IF I SLEEP
BUT!
LET ME RUN TO THE DRUGSTORE AND GET YOU SOMETHING!
I SAID IT'S OKAY. BESIDES, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE MONEY
YO.


...I'VE ONLY GOT SIX MONTHS
The Six Great Spirits are no more than the faces of dice. We're the Master and Lady Numa's tools.
DON'T SLAM THE--!
I'VE GOT A FEW BUCKS!
SUCH A POINTLESS ACT!
REGARDLESS...
In search of the gates of heaven that will never open.
We just keep rolling, looking for a seven.

HMM...
WHERE'S THE DRUGSTORE?
EEE...!
STOP IT, YOU JERKS!
Are you...
...Nebiroot ticket?
Is that what you are, Ren?

HEY KID. YOU'RE SEVENTEEN, TOO, RIGHT?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ARE YOU GOING TO BECOME A DEVIL, LIKE HIM?
SNIFF
UGH...
HUH?

SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD BASTARD!
WE'LL KILL YOU BEFORE YOU SNAP AND TURN INTO A SERIAL KILLER!
OOF!
Hunting seventeen year-olds...
EVEN THAT ONE. HE WAS ALWAYS SHOPLIFTING STUFF FROM MY STORE...WITH HIS GANG!
YEAH, AND KILL OUR FAMILIES!
SCUM! ALL OF YOU!

URGH...
It's no good These people are scared
It won't do to use my power
Humans
They have to make it someone else's fault
They're very, very weak
Ran, the likes of you...
Mother!
Ra...i...

URGH...

RAI
...!

RAI! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!
WAIT!
I can't catch up...
HEY, RAI...!
Something just like this happened before...

Where are you, Rai?
A church?
WELCOME TO... HEAVEN.

HEAVEN?
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
I WAS LOOKING FOR RAI, AND--
YOU ARE ONE WHO HAS BEEN CHOSEN.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. THEY WON'T FIND YOU HERE. WE'RE INSIDE A SHIELD.
HOW TRUE..
...LORD NEBIROS.
NEBIROS..?
IT CAN'T BE...
We promised.
REN...

HAVE YOU FALLEN, RAI?!
.. that before we lost our human souls...
...we would kill each other by each other's hand.

SORRY FOR DISAPPEARING ALL OF A SUDDEN... TO TELL THE TRUTH, I WAS HESITANT MYSELF
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT I WAS ONE OF THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS, EH?
STOP...
BUT IT'S A WONDERFUL POWER. REJOICE WITH ME. WE NO LONGER HAVE TO RUN HAPHAZARDLY.
WELL DESTROY THIS WORLD AND REMAKE IT SO THAT IT'S A PLACE OF BEAUTY FOR US TO LIVE IN.
LET'S DO EVERYONE A FAVOR... AND KILL THEM ALL!

WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER TO THIS SIDE, TOO, REN?
OTHERWISE I'D MISS YOU, MY BEST FRIEND.
STOP!

HA HA HA.
REN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
I WAS YOUR SHIELD.
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD DEFEAT ME WITH THAT KIND OF OFFENSE, NOW IS THERE?
I TAKE IT THIS IS A BREAK-UP, EH? WHAT A SHAME.
BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT. I WON'T KILL YOU...YET.

I will wait for you.
I need you.
I love you.
At that place in our memories...
SHUT UP, RAI!
YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD!
My best friend Rai doesn't exist anymore.
That's a different person!
No...

I will keep my promise, Rai...and kill you!
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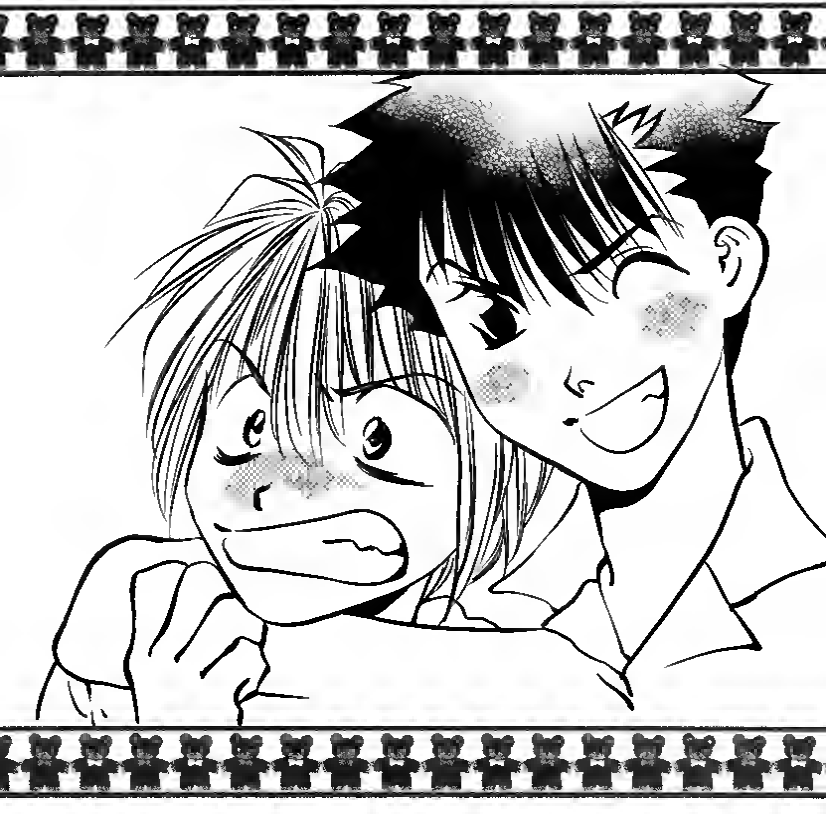

CO-AUTHORING IS HARD!
EVEN FOR TWINS.

HOWEVER, SORRY THAT MOST OF THE BURDEN WAS ON YOU, KAORU-CHAN. THANK YOU!

Kei Kusunoki
楠桂

RAI, WHO IN THE NEXT VOLUME WILL EXPLODE AS A BAD BOY!
A DARK CHILD.
HIS HAIR CONTINUES TO EVOLVE...
IT SEEMS HE CHANGED HIS SHAMPOO.

WE'RE BOTH BUSY WITH WORK, IT SEEMS CO-AUTHORING TAKES AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME..

BUT, IT'S AMAZING WHEN WE'RE FAST!

BECAUSE KUSUNOKI COVERS FOR ME IN MANY WAYS...

I'M SORRY THAT I ALWAYS LEAVE THE BUSY SCENES TO YOU. THANK YOU

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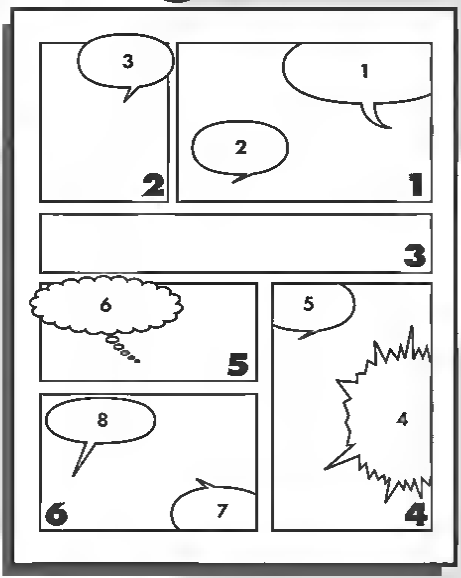

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